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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE WITH PAKISTAN ALONG LOC
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from Pakistan for trading of several commodities across the line of control;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the said proposal; and

(d) if so, the details of such commodities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) During the India-Pakistan technical level talks held in May 2006 in New Delhi for trade across LoC, both India and Pakistan have discussed trading across the line of control. The following developments have taken place in this regard:

(i) Both sides have exchanged lists of items to be traded across LoC;

(ii) India's list contained 14 items whereas Pakistan's list contained 15 items; Pakistan has subsequently added one more item in their list making it to 16.

(iii) The modalities and the items to be traded across LOC are yet to be finalized.